

WTWG Minutes for Monday, May 23, 2005

Jack Carpenter	Tom Cowan
Dar Crammond by phone	Stuart Crane
Phil Crane	Stephan Fanciullo
Justin Harter	Carron Helberg
Chris Lynch	Tom Monroe
Jamie Morin by phone	Ron Van Gundy
Sara Watkins	

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Dar Crammond. DC asked for comments or corrections on the previous minutes. The group commented the minutes were good as written and approved.

Bob Barwin did not have the revised Pendente Lite Order for this meeting, but Jack Carpenter wanted to add his comments. JC commented if you take it out of a tributary, it should be measured.

DC continued with the next agenda item, the revised transfers for K & B Orchards and Vern Larson. Justin Harter began to explain 32 and 34 transfers when the group returned to the discussion of transfer 33 for Ross Larson. Ron VG feels it is not any different and does not see a problem with it. The flow at the weir is reduced at one and increased at the other. The group continued discussing different ways of looking at this transfer. Overall, DC feels it fits in the box, JC recommends it, and Stuart Crane feels it could be resubmitted next week. DC felt the group should continue with the two other transfers in front of the group, 32 & 34.

The group started with transfer 32 with JH stating that the CU calculation is included in the proposal. SF stated CU is greater than the water right. After a brief discussion, the group gave this transfer a thumbs-up.

The group continued to transfer 34 with the CU calculation corrected the same as 32 and gave this transfer a thumbs-up also.

The group returned to discussing transfer 33 with SF stating since the CU is greater than the water right, then the transfer would be transferring the entire water right. The group briefly discussed this and agreed to continue this at the next meeting.

DC continued with the next agenda item with a discussion of the post 1905 mitigation above the reservoirs. The Potts water right would not provide mitigation above storage and create a deficit in the storage water. This year the Warren Act Contracts did not fit in the box. The new proposal that represents Reclamation owned lands is another way of providing mitigation. DC is looking for 20 AF for this to be feasible. One of the other possible ways is with the City of Ellensburg. This would not affect the three-party agreement and there is no hit on KRD other than the rollback. The group discussed: if it would be transferred to the state; this does not fit in the box and is not for an up or down

vote; and it is unclear if the City of Ellensburg would support it. Phil Crane asked what about a long term mechanism for the cabins and other situations. People are out there looking for these types of situations. The group continued to comment on the need to look at the Warren Act contracts. DC stated that Reclamation is the so-called “market” for this. SF said the basin is changing and we need to make the holder whole, by paying the construction obligation, and to continue with O&M payment.

The group briefly returned to the discussion of metering and records. The group stated that they wanted everyone to give Bob Barwin comments by Tuesday PM. It will be on the agenda for next week.

The group continued with a discussion of the future meeting times. DC asked if we still need to meet every Monday. The group decided to meet next Tuesday because of the holiday at the same time, 1:30 PM. At the next meeting the group will decide if they need to meet on Monday June 6, since River Operations Meeting will be at 1:30 PM that day. The group felt it could be held at 10:30 AM, if needed. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 31st at 1:30 PM.

The previous transfer for Jefferson was briefly discussed, with Sara Watkins explaining the proposal. The group wanted it updated and stated that it does not set a precedent.

The group came back to the Reclamation proposal with a total of over 20 AF and DC felt this was a go.

The group adjourned at 2:45 PM.